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Herewith is published the fifth of a series of articles dealing with the city government under the Hylan administration. The article to be published to-morrow will deal with the Hylan administration's record in reference to appointments and patronage.

The history of the Department of Street Cleaning under the Hylan administration has been one of gross mismanagement and colossal waste. This indictment does not rest wholly upon either the evidence taken by the Meyer committee or the scathing summary thereof by its counsel, Senator Elton R. Brown, who asserted that favored contractors had been receiving their plums year after year at tremendous cost to the city and that political necessity in a department in which the Mayor more than once enforced his personal dominance had sidetracked business efficiency.

A committee which the Mayor himself named to investigate conditions in that department reported last June that the city's present methods for the disposal of waste products through the Street Cleaning Department and through private contracting agencies is uneconomical, unsound and antiquated.

That committee reported unanimously that the present system of dumping garbage at sea must be abolished. Until October 2, 1918, New York city for many years preceding that date had disposed of its garbage at a substantial profit. That was the method under the Gaynor and Mitchell administrations. The Mitchell administration realized for the city in this way an average profit of \$124,000 a year by letting out the job to contractors who operated their own garbage reduction plants.

**Revenue Lost, Cost Increased.**

Since 1918, the first year of the Hylan administration, the city has dumped its garbage at sea in the primitive, inefficient, unhygienic way. This has entailed not alone the loss of the former revenue, but also the enormous cost of hiring private towboats and scows to haul the refuse material to sea. Mayor Hylan's committee recommended that all ashes be utilized for filling in low and marshy lands in Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens boroughs.

The Mayor's legislative committee later examined at length Arnold B. MacStay, Mayor Hylan's Street Cleaning Commissioner for the first three years of the administration, and also John P. Leo, who succeeded MacStay last January. It appeared that after the failure of the Daly and Ervin companies, which held the contract for final disposal of ashes and rubbish, the city took over that concern's disposal plant on Rikers Island at a cost of \$1,000 a day for fifty-two days, spent \$56,000 on it in that time and then sold it for \$31,000—a municipal loss in two months of \$17,000.

Mr. MacStay, who after resigning as Street-Cleaning Commissioner, by the way, was installed as Deputy Commissioner under Bird S. Cole in the Department of Public Welfare, told the Meyer committee Mayor Hylan had been the unqualified boss of the Street Cleaning Department during the three year period of MacStay's incumbency. It was Mayor Hylan who dictated all appointments.

It was the Mayor who forced the appointment as examining engineer to the department at \$3,500 a year of Henry J. Kempf, whose qualifications for an engineering job appeared to have been covered by the fact that he had conducted a drug store in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn and was an old friend of the Mayor, whose prescriptions he filled and to whose family he sold tooth brushes and toilet soap.

When Examiner Brown asked Mr. MacStay, "Did Dr. Kempf have any qualifications for the office?" the witness replied, "I don't know of any; he was sent to me to be appointed and I appointed him."

Kempf did not last long in his engineering job. Frank Downing, Borough President, and members of the division on salaries and grades of the Board of Estimate, a division created by Mayor Mitchell to meet just such contingencies, would not tolerate his appointment. Kempf resigned and Mayor Hylan, enraged, abolished the division on salaries and grades.

**Druggist Again on Payroll.**

The Mayor's druggist remained off the city payroll until July, 1920, when John N. Harman, Hylan's personal appointee as Commissioner of Parks in Brooklyn, found it desirable and proper to appoint him as a secretary in that department at a salary of \$3,500.

Mayor Hylan in July, 1918, wrote a letter to Commissioner MacStay instructing that all applications for departmental expenditures be submitted to his deputy, Frank Eschmann, a close friend of James P. Sinnott and a former stable foreman, at \$1,500 a year. In an earlier letter the Mayor suggested that no appointments be made without consulting him. It was Mayor Hylan who, in January, 1919, forced Commissioner MacStay to demand the resignation of Deputy Commissioner Warren Hubbard, saying he "could not tolerate any of the deputies using their offices for political purposes."

In an inquiry conducted by the Mayor's own Commissioner of Accounts, it had been shown that Paul Vaccarelli, known as "Paul Kelly," had been hiring trucks at a cost to him of \$25 a day and then renting their use to the city at \$15 a day. He was Mayor Hylan's intimate friend of Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, and others prominent in the district of which Hubbard was leader, but been leasing trucks to the city at great profit to themselves.

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bard "would telephone every evening and give orders as to how many trucks should be employed and who should furnish the trucks," and that "Vaccarelli is quite active in the district of which Hubbard is leader."

MacStay obeyed orders. Hubbard's resignation was demanded and received. Did Hubbard stay and die under the Mayor's displeasure? Oh, no. The Mayor permitted him to accept a nice new job, this time in the Department of Markets, at a salary increase of \$1,000 over his old position.

**Brooklyn Hit Hard on Ashes.**

Under examination Mr. MacStay admitted that Brooklyn's Mayor's office—pays about two and one-half times as much as Manhattan for its removal of ashes because the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company "is entrenched in a monopoly" in that borough, nobody else having the necessary equipment and dumps to get into the business.

Jules Marks, an engineer employed by a committee as an investigator, testified that the cost of removing ashes and rubbish in Brooklyn had increased from \$663,385 in 1914 to \$1,791,019 last year. The cost per cubic foot in 1917 was 22 cents; in 1918 it was 38 cents. The cost for Manhattan and the Bronx for 1920 was \$1,939,358 and the cubic foot rate 34 cents.

The Superintendent of Docks reported numerous instances where scows loaded with ashes had turned over at their docks and the city had to pay the expense of dredging.

According to figures made public through the Meyer committee, the Street Cleaning Department's expenditures increased from \$7,629,000 in 1917 to \$16,780,000 in 1921.

Commissioner Leo has made a relatively favorable impression as the head of the department. His plan is to establish a system of incinerators in the several boroughs to save long hauls to the dump. The scheme has been authorized tentatively by the Board of Estimate, but it has not yet been permitted to become operative. Mr. Leo last February complained of the decadence and lack of discipline he found in the department when he became its head.

When the Meyer committee began investigating the Department of Licenses, it uncovered the fact that among the city's licensed drivers of taxicabs are 123 men against whom felony convictions stand and 230 who had been guilty of lesser crimes. John P. Gilchrist, Commissioner of the department, issued a statement in which he said he had initiated, in September, 1919, the system of taking finger prints of applicants for taxicab licenses.

**Ex-Crooks as Taxi Drivers.**

These revelations are particularly suggestive at a time when motor vehicles have been playing a more conspicuous part than ever before in street holdups and other bold crimes of violence. As long ago as in December, 1920, Mayor Hylan, in reply to a letter from a woman who inquired what the police were doing to check crime, wrote:

"All persons using taxicabs are requested to report only the cars of reputable taxicab companies and to take number of the cab, so that if any crime is perpetrated or the law violated the police may have some clue to a violator."

Referring to this statement at the time as "a statement that will rouse mingled feelings of astonishment and alarm," this New York Herald said:

"No taxicab is permitted to be operated in this city without a license. All taxicab licenses are issued by one of the Mayor's subordinates. Are we to understand from the Mayor's statement, as quoted that he has permitted the licensing of cab drivers of character so doubtful that he must warn the public not to patronize them? If the Mayor makes the statement, does he not suspend or revoke the license of every driver whom he advises the public to avoid?"

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Throughout to-day the Irish conference stood adjourned without date. But toward 5 o'clock this afternoon, after Mr. Lloyd George had skillfully parried most of the Irish questions in Commons and after he had dared forty die-hard Unionists to force their motion for a lack of confidence vote after the debate on Monday, a sudden meeting of the special committee of the conference was summoned in Downing Street. Arthur Griffith, Sir Michael Collins and other members of the Irish delegation were present, where they found that Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor—Ulster's famous "Gallagher" Smith in Sir Edward Carson's name—had been substituted for Austen Chamberlain on the British side of the committee.

**Ulster the Hot Spot.**

This change and the tenor of Mr. Lloyd George's answers to questions in Commons are interpreted generally as the hot spot in the entire situation. The Prime Minister had asked the Irish delegates to straighten out the tangled question of Ireland's allegiance to the Crown, and the Irish cleverly "passed the buck" back to Mr. Lloyd George with the remark, "What is Ireland?" which forced Mr. Lloyd George to solve the Ulster difficulty many stages earlier in the game than he had counted on.

In view of to-day's developments the telegram which Eamon de Valera sent to the Pope a week ago appears to have been not so much an irresponsible outburst as it was a shrewd political manoeuvre to force the burden of settling the Ulster question on Mr. Lloyd George's shoulders before his departure for Washington and before the general question of Irish sovereignty comes up. The Premier is not finding this easy to do. He had Sir Edward Carson to deal with him at 10 Downing street last night, and although Sir Edward has officially retired from politics there is nobody in the world who knows more about Ulster passions than he, and it is Ulster passions that are standing in the way of a settlement to-night.

Ulster's big bankers, traders and ship builders all along have been anxious for a settlement, and a knowledge of how these men stood went far to encourage peace efforts. But the speech of Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier, denouncing nibbling at Ulster went far to show Westminster that these big proprietors in Ulster do not control political sentiment there half as much as do those professional organizers of Orange lodges and other agitators.

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Domestic Hockanums and Worumbos



**Limone Galleries**  
42-44 East 49th Street, bet. Madison and Park  
ANTIQUES—FINE FURNITURE—OBJETS D'ART

**ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

do not affect these Galleries in the two fundamental respects—the purchasing power of the dollar and the quality of the goods we sell. Both are maintained at the highest current standard, at all times.

An Instance—A 10-piece Walnut hand decorated Dining Room Suite—warm in tone and the painting is splendidly done.

Sideboard, Extension Table, China Cabinet, Serving Table,  
1 Arm Chair (covered in  
5 Side Chairs) figured haircloth  
Regularly Marked.....\$768.00  
SPECIAL PRICE.....\$614.00

Another Instance—A Walnut "Queen Anne" Breakfast Room Suite of 6 Pieces.  
Buffet, Large Table with drop leaves, 4 Side Chairs.  
Regularly Marked.....\$275.00  
SPECIAL PRICE.....\$220.00

and  
Many Other Similar Reductions

**FINE DOMESTIC FURNITURE**